

brightest young minds to do more than the generation before them ever could imagine.

STEM education is an issue that we can all rally around, and I urge my colleagues to do so when supporting this important initiative.

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THE ELECTRICITY SECURITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

(Mr. DAINES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, coal is vital to our way of life in Montana. It provides thousands of jobs, affordable electricity for families, and millions of dollars that fund our schools and our parks. So when Montanans hear about new coal regulations from the EPA, we get a bit nervous.

A new study predicts that President Obama's rules will effectively ban new coal generation—killing jobs and causing energy prices to skyrocket.

The House passed the Electricity Security and Affordability Act, a bill I cosponsored, to halt these job-killing regulations. I urge the Senate to also take action to stop President Obama and protect Montana families who rely on coal for affordable energy and whose livelihoods are supported by Montana's coal industry.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

(Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. I want to honor Helen Ho Kim and the entire staff of the Asian American Legal Advocacy Center of Georgia.

Based in the city of Norcross, part of which I represent, the center is dedicated to promoting the rights of Asian Americans in the Southeast. They protect and promote the civil, social, and economic rights of Asian Americans through policy, community organizing, leadership development, and legal education. The center strives towards individuals who are fully empowered, active in civic life, and working together to promote equity and fair treatment for all.

The center is also proof that Asian and Pacific Islanders are part of every community in this country. As this month comes to a close, I encourage all Americans to take pride in the diversity of our country and to consider the contributions of Asian and Pacific Islanders in their communities.

RECOGNIZING MURRAY WISE

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great friend of mine and a great friend of agriculture, Murray Wise.

Farming and agriculture have always played an integral role in Murray's life. He grew up on his parents' grain and livestock farm and even acquired his first farm before attending college.

After graduating early from Iowa State University, Murray continued to show his commitment to agriculture through his first job with Allied Mills, Incorporated, and his second with The Sandage Companies. And, now, years later, Murray is the chairman and CEO of Murray Wise Associates, a leading authority on land marketing based in Champaign, Illinois.

In 2 weeks, Murray will be honored as Parkland College's V. Dale Cozad Entrepreneur of the Year. I can't think of a more deserving individual than Murray to receive this prestigious award.

Murray is recognized not only for his years of hard work and education but also for his innovative ideas and position as a national leader in agriculture.

Congratulations, Murray, on this incredible achievement, and I look forward to working with you for years to come on behalf of the agricultural communities in central Illinois. Congrats again, Murray.

CONGRATULATING BRANDIN COOKS OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, FOR MAKING THE NFL ROSTER

(Mr. MCNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Brandin Cooks, a native of Stockton, California, who was selected by the New Orleans Saints in the first round of the NFL draft.

Our region is proud to see one of its own achieve his childhood dream. While there are many young men who set the goal of becoming an NFL athlete, it is an incredibly difficult task to make it to that level. According to the NFL's Players Association:

Of the 100,000 high school seniors who play football every year, only 215 will ever make an NFL roster. That is a mere 0.2 percent.

Since he was a child, Brandin loved football and worked hard to develop his skills. He started playing for the North Stockton Bengals youth football program, then Lincoln High School and Oregon State.

Brandin earned the Biletnikoff Award his junior year as the Nation's top receiver and made history at Oregon State. This past February at the NFL Combine, he ran the fastest 40-yard dash—in 4.33 seconds.

Brandin credits his mother, Andrea Cooks, as his inspiration for becoming one of the Nation's elite college receivers.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Brandin Cooks and wish him a long and successful career in the NFL.

HONORING ILLINOIS' FALLEN BROTHERS G. EARLE AND CHARLES MARCUS ELDREDGE

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two brothers, G. Earle and Charles Marcus Eldredge, who fell in the line of duty a century ago.

After serving the community for 7 years as an officer in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Earle's own gun was used against him while he investigated a report of poaching on McHenry County soil in 1907.

Charles was a successful attorney until his brother's murder pushed him to join the department as well. He served the State for the next decades, enforcing conservation law and pursuing his brother's killer. Sadly, Charles was also shot down in 1931, near where his brother fell.

To date, the two heroes are the only department officers murdered in the line of duty. Both served their county and their State with honor and bravery, and I support local efforts to honor their lives of devotion to our community.

MEMORIAL DAY IN FOREST HILL, TEXAS

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the citizens of Forest Hill, Texas, for their recent Memorial Day celebration to honor the military service contributions of the men and women of our Armed Forces as well as our public safety officers who have lost their lives in that city in the line of duty.

I was proud to attend the ceremony, which included 375 names of men and women who have proudly served the city of Forest Hill and lived there and have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Also at the park is the Court of Honor, where the names of prisoners of war and the missing in action serve as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices for freedom.

We must remember—perhaps now more than ever—that our debt of gratitude for veterans that have served us can never be repaid in full, but we owe it to them to keep our commitments to them as a country.

I would like to thank the citizens of Forest Hill for their display of thanks and respect.

RECOGNIZING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS ON THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY

(Mr. LATTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)